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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 9 July 1979

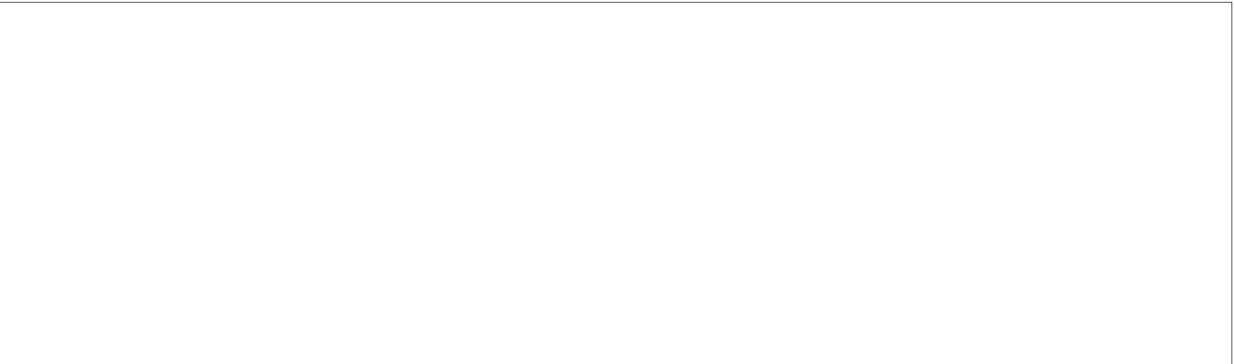
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The Director chaired the meeting. [ ]

Hetu said, for anyone interested, his office is prepared to show NBC's 8 July prime time presentation of damage caused by the Covert Action Bulletin. The Director complimented Mr. Carlucci's performance-- hard-hitting approach-- on this program. In response to a query from the Director, Silver advised that the legislation we are currently supporting will get at anyone, including journalists, who knowingly reveals the identity of persons under cover. A brief discussion followed and Silver said he will forward the draft bill to the Director later today.

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Hicks reported briefly that nothing of critical importance arose at last week's Mini-SCC on Ghana [ ] aged. Hicks reported also on Bob Ames' assistance to Robert Strauss' Middle East visit. The trip was successful though no major accomplishments were made on tough issues. [ ]

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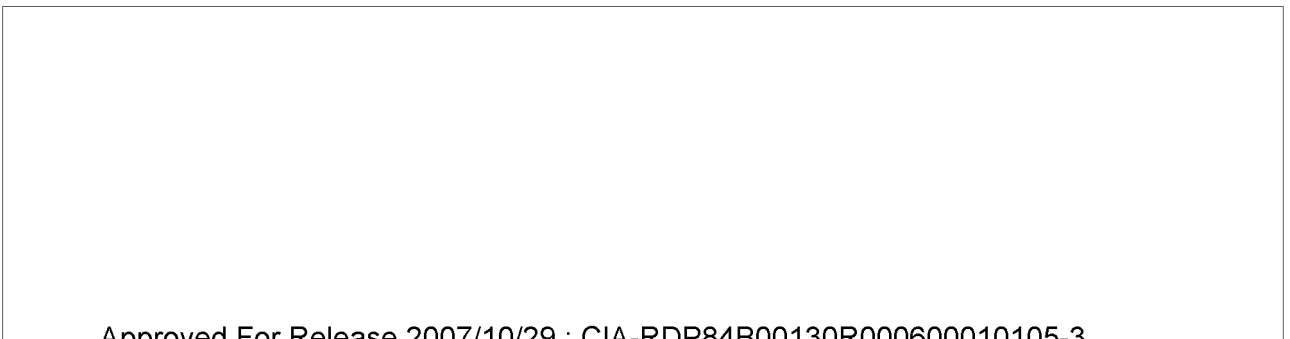
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[ ] reported the House will hold debate today on the Intelligence Authorization Bill and no major problems are anticipated. He said also that Jim McDonald, Director of Logistics, would be testifying before the House Government Operations Subcommittee re "GAO Charter." McDonald's testimony will reflect our concerns regarding the GAO charter. [ ]

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Silver reported that he would be meeting again today with Ken Bass, DoJ Counsel for Intelligence Policy, to work out differences in the draft language for implementing E.O. 12036. Silver said a few controversial issues will need to be forwarded to the Attorney General for resolution, and advised the Director to call Attorney General Bell when these are forwarded this week. Discussion followed regarding Vice President Mondale's June 15 memo calling for issuance of implementing procedures by 15 July. Silver advised that things could probably be worked out for issuance within two weeks but that a 60-day extension would be most helpful. [ ]

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Noting the cool temperature of the conference room, the Director asked Wortman for assurance that we are following the Federal guidelines for energy conservation regarding air conditioning. [ ]

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The Director noted that Congressional debate on SALT begins today and that testimony by intelligence principals will begin on Monday, 16 July. He said that Part I testimony is in good shape and that Part II is coming along, with good support from Howard Stoertz and staff. Discussion followed on several important values which have evolved in the development of Part II. The Director asked Mr. Carlucci to give the President a short brief on this as part of next week's Presidential briefing. [ ]

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